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All Interviews With Mahatma Stopped

Doctors Order Avoidance Of Mental And Physical Strain: Gandhiji Meets Journalists

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

POONA, May 8.

"We examined Gandhiji radiologically and we find his heart a little enlarged and blood vessels rather rigid. On the whole his circulatory system is satisfactory at this age of his. What the Mahatma needs most is mental and physical rest".

Thus observed Dr. E. H. Coyaji, who took the radiological examination of Mahatma Gandhi at 1 this afternoon in the presence of Dr. Gilder, Dr. Sushila Nayar and Dr. Dinshaw Mehta, in an exclusive interview to the "United Press" immediately after the X-ray examination.

Dr. Gilder told the United Press that a full report of the examinaton would be finally scrutinised to-morrow when the result would be made available to the Press.

NOTHING FRESH TO REPORT

The United Press learns that Gandhiji stood before the X-ray screen for ten minutes and declined the request of his doctor to take a chair. As soon as Mahatma Gandhi got down from his car before Dr. Coyaji's clinic the latter offered him a chair wherein he might be carried to the X-ray room. But hardly had the doctor completed his sentence, when Gandhiji almost reached the radiological room.

CONVALESCENCE AT JUHU?

Discussing the places where Gandhiji should stay during the convalescent period, Dr. Coyaji told the "United Press" special representative that some sea-side place would suit him better than a hill station where there was the risk of contracting malaria, which he must be guarded against at such old age. In all probability Gandhiji will, therefore, take up his residence at Juhu.

Dr. Gilder left for Bombay this afternoon.

All Interviews Stopped

Under medical advice, all interviews with Mahatma Gandhi have been stopped for a fortnight. However, those whom Gandhiji wishes to see will be allowed to meet him.

This restriction has been necessitated on account of the large number of callers on him and the consequent strain.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, who arrived from Bombay to-day examined him and returned to Bombay by the afternoon train.

A bulletin on Mahatma Gandhi's health issued this evening says:—

MORE RESTFUL DAY

"Gandhiji had a better night. To-day being his day of silence he is having a more restful day. It is essential that he should have compicte rest undisturbed by visitors who are requested not to try to see him or to ask for interview for a fortnight. Those whom Mahatma Gandhi himself will want to see will be intimated one day beforehand."

The bulletin is signed by Dr. Gilder and Dr. Sushila Nayar.

Mahatma Gandhi was taken to Dr. E. H. Coyaji's clinic in the afternoon where he was X-rayed.

It is now learnt that it has been decided not to take him to any hill station but to Bombay for convalescence. Dr. Gilder, who left for Bombay to-day, will consult friends and fix up a suitable place for Mahatma Gandhiji's stay in Juhu.

Most probably he might be taken to Bombay on May 10 or as soon as arrangements are complete for his stay there.

SEVEN-MINUTE INTERVIEW TO JOURNALISTS

A party of journalists were allowed to see Mahatma Gandhi for a short while this evening. The "interview" lasted less than seven minutes. He appeared to be quite cheerful and in good spirits and smiled broadly at the reporters who crowded around his bed. He was seen busily writing something on a notebook—probably his diet register kept by his personal Doctor—and was calculating his daily intake of calories. He had not lost any of his ready wit and humour and to certain innocuous questions promptly replied with gestures.

To an Associated Press reporter, who greeted him Mahatma Gandhi by a sign of his hands indicated "alright, you have seen me. You may now go." The pressmen demurred and Gandhiji responded "You may all sit here firmly."

Before the party left the place Mr. Pyarelal said money was welcome and it was amazing to watch journalists pool a good amount.

Why Preference For Foreigners?

Mahatma's attention was drawn by press representatives to a feeling in the journalist circle that foreign correspondents got preference in respect of important political statements emanating from him. They appealed to him that any important announcement or statements to be issued this time must be given to Indian journalists as millions of Indians were anxious to know his considered views on many important issues confronting them at the momen. Dr. Nair pointed out that the feeling was unjustified as far as Mahatma was concerned though it might be that sometime particular statements or interviews might have been specially meant for foreign consumption to counteract wrong notions or misrepresentations of affairs in India.

STREAM OF PEOPLE AT PRAYERS

The largest number of people ever to visit 'Parnakuti' streamed to attend Mahatma Gandhi's prayers to-day. It took over an hour for the crowds to disperse. There is not much open space to accommodate vast crowds on the small lawns of 'Parnakuti', which is built on a hill top. There was a lot of cheering and shouting and people were perilously perched on the terrace, walls, the main gate and wherever there was space to stand. The slopes were dotted with people. Many were unable to get into even the outer fringe of 'Parnakuti.' Mahatma Gandhi was loudly cheered as he stepped out on the terrace.

AGA KHAN'S PALACE TO BE RETURNED TO OWNERS

Arrangements are being made to hand over the Aga Khan Palace where Mahatma Gandhi was detained to its owner. The Palace is being refurnished and put back in the State in which it was before it was taken over by the Government.

The armed guards at the gates and around the grounds have been removed. A few convict warders and a jail official are still on the premises making the necessary arrangements before handing over the Palace.

A number of people to-day visited the Palace where the barbed wire fencing is being removed. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu visited the Palace to-day and placed flowers where Mrs. Gandhi was cremated. An improvised stone wall enclosure around the sports where Mrs. Gandhi and Mr. Mahadev Desai were cremated has been put up and Mahatma Gandhi has planted neem plants near the place.

ALL CONGRESS DETENUS TO BE RELEASED

AHMEDABAD, May 8.

The "United Press" understands that local authorities have recommended release of all Congress workers of the district excepting saboteurs.

This indicates the general policy of the Government of releasing all Congress workers detained. Delivery from the Jail is likely to be by June.—United Press.

S. M. NANA DEAD

Was Secretary Of Transvaal Indian Congress For 11 Years

JOHANNESBURG, May 8: The death has occurred of Mr. Sulliman Mahomed Nana, Secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress for eleven years.

Mr. Nana was the spokesman of all the Indian communities in the Union before many select committees and at the Broome and Murray Commissions. He also took an active part in all matters pertaining to educational, social and political matters affecting Indians

Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, the Indian High Commissioner, in a Press statement says that Mr. Nana's death is an irreparable loss to the Indian community. One of the ablest leaders of the Indian community, he rendered great service to the Indian cause, "dedicating his life to the Indian community during the last eleven years and sacrificing everything for the cause".—Reuter.

GANDHI-WAVELL MEETING IN THE OFFING?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, May 8.

An early Wavell-Gandhi meeting is foreshadowed by political observers here. It is argued Mahatma Gandhi in nature of things, must seek the release of members of the Working Committee. This he can do either by rescinding the August Resolution or by urging its reconsideration by the Congress Working Committee. In the latter course Gandhiji is expected to seek an interview with the Viceroy to contact members of the Working Committee.

Gandhiji's assurance that the August Resolution will be rescinded is likely to secure him the necessary contact with members of the Working Committee.

It is emphasised here that to win the war still remains the chief concern of Lord Wavell and, therefore, he would not allow any weakening of the home front. Consistent with this policy the Viceroy is likely to provide all facilities to Gandhiji and the Congress to reconsider the position.

Commentators hold that the responsibility of non-Congress leaders, who had been urging unconditional release of Gandhiji is equally great now when Gandhiji has been released.

It is urged that they should use their influence for solution of the deadlock.

It is now pointed out that the constitutional deadlock is only one of the issues facing India. There are other equally important issues which affect the well-being of the masses such as food prices, etc. Congress, with its prestige and authority could help the common man to a better life. With goodwill these problems it is claimed here, could be solved and a Viceroy-Gandhi meeting may usher in this goodwill.

Kasturba Fund Trustees To Meet In Bombay

The meeting of the Trustees of the Kasturba National Memorial Fund will be held in Bombay on Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the Indian Merchants Chamber.—A. P.

WEIRD HAPPENING AT A. I. C. C. OFFICE

ALLAHABAD, May 8: One of the doors of the A. I. C. C. office was opened to-day in the evening when it is reported, due to the force of wind the inner latch of the door gave way. The constable on guard immediately informed the Colonelganj Police Station and a Sub-Inspector of Police after examining the office again locked the door.—A. P.

THAT U. K. C. C. BUSINESS TO COME UP

KARACHI, May 8: It is understood that the Government of India has convened a conference of representatives of commercial bodies to meet in Bombay on May 25 to discuss certain trade matters, particularly the activities of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation.

The President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has nominated six persons as representatives of the Federation to the meeting namely Messrs. J. C. Setalvad, M. A. Master, G. L. Mehta, Sir Abdul Halim Gaznavi, (M.L.A Central), Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas and Seth Haridas Lalji of Karachi.—A. P.

EX-PUNJAB MINISTER TO BE PROSECUTED?

Allegation Of Bribery Against Shaukat Hyat: C. I. D. Official Starts Inquiry

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, May 8.

Will Capt. Shaukat Hyat Khan, former Minister of the Punjab Government who was recently dismissed by the Governor, be tried by a court of law for irregularities and injustices alleged to have been committed during his Ministership?

I reliably understand that preliminaries have already been started and an experienced C.I.D. Superintendent has been entrusted with the investigation.

The C.I.D. Superintendent sent for some files from the Lahore Corporation Office. Prominent people connected with a well-known bus firm in the Punjab were also invited for enquiries.

The Captain is alleged to have received about Rs. 40,000 bribe and bought some land at a nominal price by giving threat, when Minister.

Sensational developments are expected after the investigation are completed and it is gathered that the Punjab Government in its touch with the Central Government regarding the procedure to be adopted.

It is reliably understood that Mian Abdul Hyae, Education Minister, Punjab Government, who is not keeping good health since last year has been advised by the Punjab Premier Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana to retire in view of his health.

Political Pandits attach significance to the advice, because the Education Minister has no following and the Premier is anxious to satisfy disgruntled elements, who have got some following. An extraordinary Cabinet meeting was held this morning. The Governor presided.

NEW GUINEA, May 8.

It is stated here Allied planes have hit eight ships in a Japanese convoy east of Celebes.

Allied heavy bombers again bombed the Schouten island.—Reuter.

Tokyo Denies Cruelty

Reply To American Note About Prisoners Of War

TOKYO, May 8.

The Japanese Domei news agency to-day quoted an announcement by the Tokyo Board of Information spokesman Mr. Sadao Iguchi, reporting that the Japanese Government have replied to the United States protest regarding the treatment of United States war prisoners and civilians.

Mr. Iguchi also announced that the Japanese Government have declared its readiness to comply with the United States' request to despatch a ship to Vladivostok to take over and transport relief supplies and mail to be shipped from America via that port to prisoners and internees in Japan.

Both the statements had been handed to the Swiss Minister in Tokyo on May 3, Mr. Iguchi added.

"As the result of the most careful and detailed investigations, a lengthy reply setting forth clearly how American nationals are being treated and pointing out error and misunderstandings on the part of the United States Government has been made", he said.

PROTEST TO U. S.

"At the same time the Japanese Government took the occasion to call the attention of the United States Government to the unjust treatment accorded to Japanese nationals by American authorities enumerating concrete cases as reported from reliable source and demanding rectification thereof".

Reuter adds that two telegrams protesting against the treatment of prisoners and internees in Japanese hands were despatched by the U. S. Government to Tokyo on January 27. Announcing this on February 12 the U.S. State Department released a statement and maltreatment inflicted on Americans in Japanese custody. At the same time Mr. Anthony Eden a similar statement in the House of Commons in respect of British captives.

WAR PRISONERS IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 8: The U. S War Department announced to-day that prisoners of war in this country now total 183 618.—Reuter.

CURTIN AND GANDHI

LONDON, May 5: Asked about Australia's attitudes to immigration from Britain Mr. Curtin said 'they are all welcome.' He added 'and that applies to several other countries as well.'

Asked by an Indian correspondent 'what do you think of Gandhi as a man?' Mr. Curtin replied, 'get from him first what he thinks of me.'—

1,000-BOMBER RAID ON BERLIN

LONDON, May 8: Very strong forces of U. S. heavy bombers attacked Berlin and Brunswick today.

For the second day in succession up to 1,000 U. S. heavy bombers attacked Berlin in daylight with Brunswick as an additional target. This attack comes only 24 hours after the last raid.

To-day's R.A.F. 'communique' said: "Last night aircraft of Bomber Command were over France in strength. Attacks were made on airfield buildings at Rennes, and on airfield buildings at Nantes and Tours, on an ammunition dump at Salbris, about 35 miles south of Orleans, and on military targets on the coast of Normandy. An attack was also made on Leverkusen to the north of Cologne and mines were laid in enemy waters. Nine of our aircraft are missing."

About 200 Ninth Air Force 'Marauder' medium bombers carried out a two-target attack in midmorning on military objectives in Northern France and a rail bridge on the outskirts of Rouen.

The Paris radio said this morning: "North of France has been bombed almost without interruption for the last 36 hours."

DOMINION PREMIERS REASSEMBLE

Canada And Australia Want Settlers From Britain

LONDON, May 8: The Dominion Prime Ministers reassembled to-day for the continuation of their talks.

Having examined the progress of the war in Europe and the Far East, including preparations for assault in the West and having undertaken a wide survey of international affairs, they are now turning their attention to reconstruction after the war including plans for well ordered system of migration, civil aviation and inter-Commonwealth trade. Both Canada and Australia have already intimated that they would welcome a large inflow of settlers from the United Kingdom after the war. New Zealand like South Africa has emphasised that the needs of their returning serving men and women must come first.

The present indications are that the Conference will continue another two or three weeks with a slight "easing up" of the time table to afford the Prime Ministers an opportunity, among other things, of visiting their respective troops now "standing by" in Britain to take their part in the assault on Europe.—Reuter.

LUCKNOW, May 8: About a lakh and twenty-four thousand rupees have so far been collected for Lucknow Shia College through the efforts of H. H. Nawab of Rampur, President and a further sum of Rs. 167,880 has also been promised.—Orient Press.

ALLIES SHELL AXIS AREA AT ANZIO

Bucharest And Crete 'Dromes Bombed

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters:

To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "SEA: On the night of May 2|3 British destroyers shelled enemy traffic on the road on the Albanian coast south of Alona.

Enemy supply dumps and positions in the Anzio area were bombarded by destroyers of the U. S. Navy on May 5. Good results were reported.

LAND: Artillery activity has increased at many points along the front.

AIR: Medium forces of escorted heavy bombers yesterday attacked rail road yards at Bucharest and a smaller force of escorted heavy bombers attacked the Belgrade-Pancevo railway bridge.

Last night heavy and medium bombers attacked industrial targets at Bucharest. Tactical Air Force light-bombers yesterday attacked a supply dump south-west of Albano.

Fighter-bombers attacked enemy shipping at Civita Vecchia, Porto Ferraio and off the Dalmatian coast.

Twenty-nine enemy aircraft were destroyed. Two of our heavy bombers and twelve other aircraft are missing".

Reuter's special correspondent: A squadron of eight Spitfires have shot down nine Messerschmitts 109's in a four-minute air battle north of Rome without loss.

CRETE 'DROMES BOMBED

CAIRO, May 8: A Middle East Air Communique to-day stated that on two successive days 'Beaufighters' did considerable damage to installations on Crete, Kythera and Southern Greece. South African Air Force 'Marauders' bombed Kastelli airfield on Crete and other planes attacked Maleme airfield on Crete. Yesterday 'Beaufighters' set fire to a fuel dump on Paros. From these and other operations two aircraft are missing.

PLOESTI'S OIL OUTPUT FALLS TO ONE-FOURTH

Ploesti's productive oil capacity has been reduced to less than 25 per cent of the normal as a result of the bombings, says the Mediterranean Air Commander Gen. Eaker.—Reuter.

10th Baluchis Celebrate Centenary

LONDON, May 8.

From A. K. Qureshi, A.P.I. special correspondent with Indian troops in Italy: Engaged in a series of skirmishes and probes against the Germans somewhere on the main Italian front is a battalion of the Tenth Baluch Regiment which to-day celebrated the first centenary of its formation.

The battalion which is highly skilled as beach group and mountain fighters played an important part in combined operations in the Persian Gulf in 1941 when Indo-British forces landed at ports in Persia to rid the country of Axis influence. In those days the battalion, won the nickname "Indian Pirates." Punjabi Mussalmans, Khattak and Yusafzai Pathans and Dogra Brahmins, who comprise the battalion, also fought valiantly in the Western Desert. Later they figured in the landing in Sicily.

TOJO WON'T HAVE TO WAIT TILL HITLER IS FINISHED

Guy Eden Foreshadows Simultaneous Allied Drive On Axis In Europe And Far East

LONDON, May 8.

An early stepping up of the war on Japan to ensure that the Axis eastern partner is knocked out as speedily as possible is foreshadowed by Guy Eden, "The Daily Express" diplomatic correspondent

JAPS WILL GET IT SHORTLY

He says the course of recent events in the Far East together with the huge supplies of war materials now available to the Allies has led to a modification of the policy to the extent that a simultaneous defeat of Japan and Germany is now thought possible. Some of the Dominion leaders believe in fact that the Japanese may be eliminated from the war before the attack on Europe is completed.

The attack on Europe and the attempt to beat Hitler first will not, however, be modified, the correspondent adds.

JAPS ON DEFENSIVE

Counter-Attacks To Regain Lost Forward Positions

CEYLON, May 8: On all sectors of the Assam front the Japanese are now generally on the defensive says to-day's South-East Asia Command 'communique.' The enemy are strongly counter-attacking to regain forward positions which they have lost recently, and are in every case suffering disproportionately heavy losses.

No Change At Kohima

There is no material change in the neighbourhood of Kohima, where heavy fighting continues. From the Imphal plain one of our patrols has penetrated to 28 miles north of Imphal on the Kohima road. In the hills north-east of Palel our troops have captured two villages. On the Palel road a heavy Japanese attack was repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy. South of Imphal our troops attacked and took an enemy position, capturing three guns. West of Bishenpur there have been minor clashes involving hand-to-hand fighting in which the enemy has suffered heavily.

In the Arakan on the Buthidaung sector the enemy killed numbered at least 350. East of the Kalapanzin river we have destroyed a large ammunition dump, quantities of equipment and 235 of the enemy's mules.

In Central Burma our forces on the Bhamo-Myitkyina road attacked a Japanese column, inflicting casualties and destroying transport. In the Mogaung Valley rain has limited activity to front line skirmishes. East of the river our forces made a small advance towards Hlagyi (north of Kamaing) in the face of strong Japanese resistance. West of the river the Allied troops continued their advance against heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. In the Fort Hertz area Japanese forces suffered casualties in a clash with Allied levies four miles south-west of Tiangzup.

NATIONALIST MUSLIMS TORPEDO PAKISTAN DEMAND

Urge Transfer Of Power To Indians Under National Govt. Of All-India Federation

NEW DELHI, May 8.

Nationalist Muslims, who were meeting here for the last three days, have released two resolutions, one asking for the formation of a National Government and the other setting out "fundamental considerations" on which the communal problem could, in their view, be solved.

The first resolution ran:—

This meeting of Nationalist Muslims views with great concern the hardships to which India has been subjected in the present phase of the war and the sufferings borne by the Indian people under the existing system of Government, the evidence of which is to be found in the intolerable rise in prices, burden of taxation, scarcity of certain essential commodities and the total absence of others. "In the opinion of this meeting, experience has shown that the present Government is not capable of saving the people from this distress, that no satisfactory solution is possible until a real National Government exercising full authority is formed at the centre.

DEFENCE OF INDIA

"This meeting further declares that all Indians, irrespective of creed or community, and all patriotic organisations without exception are deeply interested in the defence of India. They are inspired with a real patriotic urge and a true spirit of sacrifice which can be directed most effectively, under a National Government, for the protection of the country against foreign invasion and aggression by Fascist Powers.

This meeting deplores the fact that the British Government, in spite of its knowledge that the Indian people are opposed to Fascism, is still unwilling, on account of its shortsighted policy, to transfer power to them through a National Government.

"This meeting now declares that the formation of a National Government is no longer a political issue but has become a first rate military question in view of the exigencies of the present phase of war. The victory of the democratic forces, the defence of India, and resistance to Japanese aggression, all these considerations demand the immediate establishment of a National Government and the transfer of power to the Indian people.

"This meeting, therefore, urges the British Government to start negotiations with the leaders of India without any further loss of time so that a real National Government wielding effective authority should be established in the country.

The second resolution stated:— This meeting of Nationalist Muslims considers, in the best interests of the country, that a Hindu-Muslim settlement should be brought about without any delay. It appeals to both Hindus and Muslims that, having regard to the urgent need of such a settlement, they should take necessary steps towards this end, and considers that the release of Gandhiji offers an excellent opportunity of which advantage should be taken.

In the opinion of this meeting a solution of the communal problem satisfactory to all parties concerned can be secured on the following fundamental considerations and such a solution will satisfy the needs and aspirations of Indian Muslims:—

(1) India should continue to remain a united country.

(2) The constitution of India should be framed by its own people.

(3) There should be an All-India Federation.

(4) The units of Federation should be completely autonomous and all residuary powers should be vested in them.

(5) Every unit of the Federation should be free to secede from it as a result of a plebiscite of all its adult inhabitants.

(6) The religious, economic and cultural rights of minorities should be fully and effectively safeguarded by reciprocal agreement".

STOP PRESS

HEAVY SOVIET ATTACKS ON SEBASTOPOL

BERLIN, May 8: The German Communique to-day reported heavy Russian attacks at Sebastopol. "In the southern sector the enemy achieved a breach after bitter fighting it said.

MOSCOW, May 8: Russians to-night announced a break-through at Sebastopol.

U. S. BOMBERS RAID SAIGON

LONDON, May 8.

The Japanese News Agency announced that U. S. bombers based in China attacked Saigon, one of the chief cities of French Indo-China, on Friday in the first raid on Saigon since the outbreak of the Pacific war.—Reuter.

'GENERAL' RAIN ON ASSAM FRONT

KOHIMA FRONT, May 6: From D. R. Mankekar, A. P. I. War Correspondent.

It has been real monsoonish weather to-day. The sky has been heavily clouded with the sun completely obliterated and intermittent rains all through, accompanied by thunder in the earlier part of the day. The local inhabitants, who ought to know, think this is the monsoon and that it has commenced in right earnest. Lowlying areas have turned into quagmires while streets are slushy but traffic up the main asphalted Manipur road is uninterrupted. If this is genuine monsoon, then it has appeared a week earlier than expected. Inevitably, it is bound to slow down the tempo of operations on this front on either side.

After two days' continuous fighting there appears to be a lull to-day. Apparently we are regrouping our forces before launching upon the next phase of the battle. The following rough picture of the Kohima area is the scene of the present and perhaps—the most important battle so far on the Assam front—may help an intelligent understanding of operations here:

BATTLE FOR KOHIMA

The Kohima area is situated on a commanding 5,000-feet high range at a point where the Dimapur-Imphal road, popularly called the Manipur road, takes a rightangular bend east to south and is 46 miles along the road from Dimapur and 90 miles from Imphal. On one side of this bend is clustered the Naga village of Kohima, with its population of 4,000, which comprises a major portion of Kohima area.

On the other side of the road are a series of hills and ridges flanking the road is Treasury Hill, District Commissioner's bungalow area, Hospital Hill, Jail Hill, Summerhouse Hill, Rifle-Range Hill, G.P.T. Ridge (so named because General Purposes Transport Supply Depot) and Kuki Picket.

By our holding the Summerhouse Hill, the Hospital Hill, and practically the whole of the District Commissioner's bungalow area, we may be said to be in possession of more than half of the Kohima area. Kuki Picket, a high, commanding, bald hill has been a Jap strongpoint, which we have penetrated and heavy fighting has been taking place here. Similarly, we partly occupy or dispute possession of the remaining areas, namely, Jail Hill, G.P.T. Ridge, F.S.D. Ridge and Rifle-range Hill. Treasury Hill is still completely in Jap hands.

The rest of the battle of Kohima will be a battle for the ejection of the enemy from these points.—A. P.

Black-Out To Stay On In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 8: The present lighting restrictions in Calcutta are to continue, according to a statement made by the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day. The Chief Minister said that Government did not consider it advisable to withdraw or relax the present lighting restrictions in the city because the necessity for maintaining the present degree of obscuration still existed.—A. P.

THEY FINISHED 1-1/2 JAP PLANE DAILY

CALCUTTA, May 8: In 51 days, pilots of the American "Sky Ambush" squadron of P-38 ("Lightnings") of Sir John Baldwin's Third Tactical Air Force have destroyed 73 Japanese aircraft—an average of 1-1/2 daily. Their losses were six says an official despatch from the Arakan front.—Reuter.

LONDON, May 8: The German News Agency reports from Nanking that reprieves have been granted to Ku-Pa-Cheng, former Minister of Food and Chou-Reh-Wen, former Deputy Minister of Food, in the Chinese Government at Nanking, who were sentenced to death by a special tribunal on charges of illicit trading in rice.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

New York, May 8.

Previous Closing	20.58
To-day's Opening	20.58
Difference	nil
To-day's Closing	20.61
Difference	+03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 8.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors 859-1/8.
Anaconda Copper Mining 825-3/4.
United States Steel Com. 852-3/8.
U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, May 8.

The market continued firm after the week-end, and the volume of business was fair and satisfactory. Government Securities remained unchanged.—A. P.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Where women are honoured, there the gods rejoice; but, where they are not honoured, there all rites are fruitless.

—Manu.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE NEXT STEP

Gandhiji's health seems to be appreciably improving in spite of the strain caused by too many visitors. He will improve more rapidly if he and his doctors are more strict about interviews. It is said that owing to erratic fluctuations in blood pressure interviews have had to be restricted to two periods of one hour each in the afternoon. If interviews are at all necessary, they may well be more rigorously restricted for a few days. Gandhiji's health is a national concern and it must be religiously safeguarded. Big problems are awaiting him but he can tackle them only when he has completely recovered. Let all take care not to put any unnecessary strain on him.

It is natural that in spite of rigorous censorship Gandhiji's release has had notable reactions even outside India. Representative Emmanuel Celler, the Democrat from New York, seems to represent American opinion fairly when he declares: "I am happy the British Government in India has seen light. Mr. Gandhi should no more have been incarcerated than I should have been because I have been critical of British misrule in India. I hope this will be the beginning of a changed policy. I also hope the British will follow it up with the release of Pandit Nehru. Why should they free Sir Oswald Mosley in England and continue to hold Pandit Nehru in India?" The New York "World Telegram" hopes that the release "opens the way to another and more successful effort at a just British Indian settlement than the Cripps' mission which promised so much and achieved so little." The Chinese paper "Sao Tang Pao" also expects that Gandhiji's release "at this juncture, though on medical grounds has far-reaching effects; it helps to strengthen the co-operation between the British and the Indian people." Another Chinese paper, "Hsin Min Pao" says that the release "revives hopes of a renewal of Anglo-Indian negotiations." The British press in general is more restrained. We have yet to hear the comments of the leading papers like the "Times." But the "Birmingham Gazette" thinks that "it is possible, if a little optimistic, to hope that the release may serve as a turning point in the deplorable controversy." The left-wing "Reynold's News" goes further and urges Government "to release other Congress leaders to encourage Hindu and Moslem opinion to meet and work out a settlement of their differences and to reopen the discussions which began on the Cripps' offer of two years ago."

The hope that the release will at least lead to a resumption of negotiations for an all-round settlement is, needless to add, shared by all Indians. That hope will have a much better chance of being fulfilled if all the other Congress leaders also are released. For Government to wait till the next step is taken by Gandhiji will mean much waste of time as it will be some weeks before he will be able to tackle political problems. Nor will it be easy for him to do so at any time in the absence of practically the entire Working Committee. All things considered, we feel, with many others both in India and abroad, that the whole situation in India will be transformed and made most helpful towards a settlement if the other Congress leaders are released immediately and unconditionally.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Regrettable

It is well that the Commission of Inquiry into the Bombay explosions has already commenced its work. But it is most regrettable that the Government of India has apparently paid no heed to the public demand for the inclusion in the Commission of a few independent non-official members enjoying the confidence of the public. It also appears, in the absence of any announcement to the contrary, that the entire inquiry will be in camera, as originally proposed. The refusal to make the Commission more representative and to make the inquiry even partially public will detract much from the value of the inquiry.

Kremlin-Vatican Rapprochement

Marshal Stalin has once again expressed his anxiety for the establishment of a strong, independent and democratic Poland in an interview he gave recently to Father Stanislaus Orlemanski, the Polish-born American Catholic priest. In view of the fact that the liberation of Poland is now no longer merely an academic question, this reassurance will be welcomed all over the world. Fortunately the exile Polish Government shows signs of reorienting its outlook vis-a-vis the Soviet and at any rate it has given instructions to the underground organisations in Poland to co-operate in every possible way with the Red Army. This itself will help to create bonds of unity and friendship between the Polish and Russian people. Another important impression carried away by Father Orlemanski was that Marshal Stalin is very friendly towards the Catholic Church and it is believed that his visit will lay the foundation of a rapprochement between the Vatican and the Kremlin. In view of the recent trend of Soviet foreign policy, there will be no surprise caused if the wheel turns full circle in religious as well as secular matters in Russia.

Changed Strategy

It is difficult to believe that the information in the possession of the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express", who hints at an Allied decision to modify their policy of securing the defeat of Germany before taking up the task of dealing with Japan, can be authentic. The Nazi menace, even after four and a half years of struggle against it, is almost as great as it was. One-fourth of Nazi-occupied Russia has still to be liberated, while practically the whole of the rest of Europe is under Nazi heel. Few will be able to forecast with any confidence how far the war in Europe will be shortened by the Allies' invasion of the Continent. The situation in the Far East is no less uncertain. Only a minute fraction of the Allied territories occupied by the Japanese has been wrested from their hands. There is no knowing what reserves of man-power as well as of naval and aerial strength the Japanese really possess. In view of all these circumstances, to expect the Allies to conduct full-scale offensives against both the Western and Eastern Axis partners simultaneously is straining one's imagination too far.

Propaganda Warfare

Though the lull on the Italian front shows no signs of breaking, it is interesting to learn that Marshal Kesselring has started a regular propaganda war. Recently German guns have been firing more propaganda leaflets than shells and radio broadcasts are also the feature of the day. The news given out recently that an unofficial armistice was observed on the Italian front on Easter day has also neither been contradicted nor explained. This propaganda warfare was a normal feature of the last war but it has not made its appearance in the present war so long. The stabilised battlefield in Italy must have tempted the Germans to indulge in their present tactics though it is heartening to note that its only result has been to stiffen the determination of the Allied troops to see it through. This is welcome—bue the sooner they actually do it the better it will be.

Crawley Joins India Office

LONDON, May 8: Former news editor of the Calcutta "Statesman" Mr. George Crawley has been appointed to the senior post of Information Officer at the India Office.

London Reactions

Demand For Release Of Congress Leaders

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, May 6.

The first question now is 'where do we go from here'. The same old question has cropped up after the news of Mahatma Gandhi's release. Perhaps there are diehards—and they are in every country—who cannot even be humane. Everybody rejoices in Britain over the release of Gandhiji; but a mixed feeling of sadness pervades that it had to be after his serious illness.

As reported I have not come across anyone who does not wish Mahatmaji will survive. Some are even inclined to suggest the hope the Doctors are infallible and made a wrong diagnosis of the patient's condition which eventually made him a free man once again.

The second question is: Those who have expressed great satisfaction with the news frankly say: "That's not enough." They want Government's action followed by another. They want that before long other colleagues of Gandhiji will also be released, and they hope that that decision of Lord Wavell should be forthcoming immediately. This view was more emphatically taken by men like Commoners, W. G. Cove, Sydney Silverman, Rhys Davies, Prof. George Catlin, Miss Vera Brittain.

WILL LEADERS BE RELEASED?

In the absence from town of Lord Strabolgi, Lady Strabolgi said: She had no doubt her husband would share the same view.

The third question is this: I talked to different groups of people with different political alignments but none has so far disputed that the release was on humanitarian grounds but it will be meaningless and futile in the political sense unless followed, immediately, by the release of all Congress leaders unconditionally, and for the purpose of achieving immediate independence for India. I think Mr. W. G. Cove put this point of view very well when he said "United Nations need free co-operation of Indian people in their struggle against Fascist dictatorships. Gandhiji was not released because he was a sick man, but because Britain, United States and Russia have recognised the imperative need for full co-operation of the Indian people in the world situation of to-day. It is quite clear to all those who know the Indian situation and who have consistently urged that the power and prestige of Congress in the hearts of vast mass of Indian people must be recognised by those who would arrive at a settlement, with India".

WILL POLITICAL ACTION FOLLOW?

The last question is: What Mr. Cove said was supplemented by Messrs. Silverman and Rhys Davis. They said:

"It is profoundly true Congress is Indian and India is Congress in her deepest aspirations. If the release of Gandhiji is a prelude to full recognition of Congress and a preliminary step to Indian Independence, we welcome it as most helpful and statesmanlike. It can however only have a meaning for India and a cause of the United Nations if it is followed by political action leading to a Free India".

It need hardly be said that all sections of Indians welcome the news, although as Syeed Amir Shah, President Indian Nations Muslim Committee, said:

"We differ fundamentally with those who think that his release will enable people to disregard past difficulties and reach out for settlement". Mr. Shah and his colleagues of the Committee of Indian Congressmen, including Amiya Bose, P. B. Seal, Abdul Ghani, Mistress Hydari and Bhattacharji assert that only the recognition of Indian independence will pave the way and will enable India to join United Nations.

PATNA PRAYS FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY

PATNA, May 8.

A resolution expressing deep concern over the state of health of Mahatma Gandhi and praying for his speedy recovery was passed at a mass meeting held last evening in the Anjuman Islamia Hall. Rai Bahadur Shyam Nandan Sahay presided.

By the same resolution the meeting appreciated the action taken by the Viceroy in releasing Mahatma Gandhi unconditionally.

A similar meeting was held at Mangles Tank to offer prayers for the speedy recovery of Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

London Indians Greet Mahatma

LONDON, May 8: The hope that Mr. Gandhi would now lead his country and be allowed to meet other Congress leaders was expressed by speakers at a specially convened meeting of the India League in East London on Sunday night. About 100 mostly Indians attended. The meeting cabled Mr. Gandhi sending "Warmest greetings on your release and heartfelt wishes for speedy recovery to full health and activity".

FAMINE TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF ARABS NEAR ADEN

R. A. F. Carries 30 Tons Of Grains Daily To Relieve Starvation

CAIRO, May 7.

Thousands of starving Arabs in Wadi Hadhramaut, 120 miles from the coast of Aden have been saved from death by starvation by the R.A.F. British planes have been carrying 30 tons of grain daily in response to an appeal for transport made by the Governor of Aden, Sir John Hall, to Air Marshall Sir Keith Park, Air Officer Commanding the Middle East.

Wadi Hadhramaut is in the grip of a famine caused by drought that has lasted for three years. The death rate has been high and two-thirds of the camels between the coast and the Wadi have died.

A special Relief Commission has been flown from Aden by R A F to provide assistance for the victims. Hospitals have been improvised and 16,000 people are being fed daily at emergency food kitchens. The British Government has given 300,000 sterling to help the inhabitants of this stricken area and to relieve the situation.

FINED FOR BREACH OF RESTRICTIONS

LYALLPUR, May 8: Dr. Harnam Singh, a Congress worker, has been sentenced to a fine of Rs. 100 or in default two months R.I. under D.I.R. on a charge of violating the restrictions imposed on him on his release from the Multan Jail about three months ago.—A. P.

MOVE FOR PLANNED BUILDING OF FIRE AFFECTED AREA

Municipal Corporation Seeks Amendment Of Act To Prevent Reconstruction Work

A draft Bill to amend the city of Bombay Municipal Act to prevent owners of houses in the area affected by the recent fire, from proceeding with building work in such a manner as to prejudice the execution of a proper town planning scheme, was approved by the Bombay Municipal Corporation at its meeting on Monday. Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor, presided.

MAHATMA'S HEALTH

At the outset the Mayor gave expression to the sense of relief felt by everybody at the release of Mahtma Gandhi. He had found Gandhiji weak, but, cheerful. He hoped that Gandhiji's strong will and determination would help him to recover quickly.

The Mayor announced that Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh had been elected a member of the Standing Committee, and Mr. A. A. Baigmahomed, a member of the Schools Committee. Mr. M. O. E. Patel has been elected as a representative of the Corporation on the G. I. P. Railway Local Advisory Committee for two years from June.

It may be stated that these elections are a result of the understanding arrived at between the Congress Party and the Muslim League Party in the Corporation.

Mr. Vasantram Jamietram moved and Mr. Gordhandas Morarji seconded a resolution requesting the Mayor to invite the attention of the Government to the great hardship experienced by the civil population in the city in securing housing accommodation. The motion further requested the Mayor to represent to the Government the desirability of constructing buildings for their requirements and for the requirements of the Government of India and to release the buildings at present occupied by them for the civil population of the city.

The motion was carried.

REBUILDING FIRE AREA

The Corporation then considered an urgent letter embodying a draft Bill to amend the City Municipal Act, put up by Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner. According to the statement of the objects and reasons "a large area to the west of Frere Road has been devastated by fires which broke out on 14th April. This area, particularly to the west of the G.I.P. Railway line had grown in a haphazard fashion and contained many houses which could be described as slums. It is desirable that the rebuilding of this area and the area contiguous thereto should be carried out on modern principles of town planning. As execution of a town planning scheme will take a long time, it is necessary that, in the meanwhile owners of houses in the area included in the town planning scheme should not be allowed to proceed with any building work. The proposed bill seeks to achieve this object".

The schedule to the draft bill sets out the affected area as the *"area situated to the West of Frere Road and bounded on the South by the northern edge of Carnac Road, on the West by the eastern edge of Mahomedally Road, on the North by the southern edge of Sandhurst Road on the East by the G. I. P. Railway"*.

The Commissioner in his letter stated that under the provisions of the Municipal Act, proposals for repairing, constructing, reconstructing, adding to or altering any building wall or other structure or any part thereof submitted by the owner cannot be held over on the ground that a town planning scheme is under consideration. The town planning scheme itself will be put up by the Commissioner later on.

Mr. B. G. Parelkar moved that the draft be approved and the Commissioner be authorised to move Government to enact the Bill.

The motion was carried.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES

Mr. P. M. Chinai moved, Mr. G. G. Morarji seconded, Mr. M. N. Talpade and others supported a resolution regarding the hardship suffered by the public in getting drugs and medicines at controlled rates. The resolution requested the Mayor to impress on the Government the necessity of evolving a scheme of making drugs available to recognised stores so as to ensure easy supply.

Angry speeches were made on the resolution. Mr. G. G. Morarji described some of the methods of the black market. Mr. Talpade suggested that the punishment of imprisonment and whipping should be awarded to racketeers in the black market.

The resolution was carried.

EXPLOSIONS INQUIRY COMMENCES

Commission Takes Evidence Of Officers And Seamen In Ships In Docks On April 14

After viewing the Dock area, the Commission of Inquiry into the Bombay explosions began the hearing of evidence in camera at 10-30 a.m. today (Monday) at the Council Hall.

The first evidence being taken is that of officers and seamen from ships in the Docks on April 14.

Apart from the taking of evidence of Service personnel who are being held in Bombay to be at the disposal of the Commission, the Commission will, as far as possible, take evidence in the chronological order in which events happened and public notification will be given from time to time as to the nature of the evidence which the Commission wishes to hear.

On publication of such a notification any person conversant with the events notified and desirous of giving evidence may communicate with The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry, Council Hall, Fort, Bombay. It is unnecessary until further notice to communicate with the Secretary with regard to the giving of evidence.

500 MORE HOUSES CONSIDERED UNSAFE

With the approach of the monsoon, the work of demolition of buildings seriously affected by the explosion of April 14 and of removal of debris requires to be speeded up. There are still about 500 buildings which are unsafe for being tenanted. The City Engineer therefore, expects the house-owners and tenants concerned to be helpful in the work of demolition and removal of debris.

It may be mentioned in this connection that the authorities have decided to permit house-owners to pull down unsafe buildings provided such operations are conducted under the supervision of licensed surveyors after the necessary permission is secured.

The military has speeded up the demolition work.

TO REGISTER CLAIMS OF INDIVIDUALS

The joint relief committee of Rastra Seva Dal and Bombay Students' Union has started an office to record and register the claim of the losses, suffered by individuals consequent on the fire of 14th at the Municipal Improvement Trust Buildings, opposite Madhavrao Rokade Municipal School, near Carnac Bridge, and also at Hira Baug. Time: Morning 8 to 10 a.m.; evening 6 to 8 p.m.

DONATIONS FOR WOMEN'S RELIEF COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, President of the All-India Women's Conference, has received the following donations for the Bombay Women's Relief Committee:

The Maharaja of Porbunder, Rs. 15,000; R. Janaksinghji of Limbdi, Rs. 5,000; All-Bengal Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti, Rs. 500; and Bengal Branch of the All-India Women's Conference, Rs. 500.—United Press.

CITIZENS' RELIEF FUND

The donations to the Citizens Emergency Relief Fund previously acknowledged was Rs. 7,77,399-13-6; and the total receipts now amount to Rs. 8,09,490-2-6.

SULTAN AHMED ON A. I. R.

NEW DELHI, May 8: Sir Syed Sultan Ahmed, who returned to Delhi this afternoon by air from the forward areas will broadcast a talk entitled "A tour of the forward areas" from All-India Radio, Delhi, on Tuesday, May 9, at 9-45 p.m. (I. S. T.).—A. P.

PESHAWAR, May 8: One Kazak woman was fatally wounded and several Kazaks received injuries in a dacoity committed in their settlement at village Phawari in Hazara District.—A. P.

CEYLON INDIAN DEPUTATIONS

NEW DELHI, May 8.

Two deputations of Ceylon Indians will be in Delhi this week, one to wait on the Viceroy on May 11 to represent their case with regard to Ceylon's future constitution, and the other to wait on Dr. N. B. Khare, the Commonwealth Relations Member, on May 12 to acquaint him with general trade and other conditions affecting Indians in the Island.—A.P.

MILITARY TO TAKE STRONG ACTION FOR BAD DRIVING

MADRAS, May 5.

The question of bad driving of military vehicles is engaging the attention of the military authorities, and a press note issued by the Headquarters, Southern Army, Madras, says that the present position is regarded with extreme dissatisfaction and that very stringent action is being taken to improve matters.'

The Headquarters are issuing a fresh letter of instructions to all military authorities in the areas of Madras and Bombay provinces and the States of South India on this matter.

The letter of instructions says: "In spite of frequent and strict orders which have been issued from time to time in the past, no decrease in accidents has occurred, particularly in large towns. In the vast majority of cases sheer bad driving is the cause. The civil police will be requested and urged to take particulars of and report all military offenders. The closest co-operation with the civil police is essential and their assistance is to be invoked by all military authorities.'

The press note says, in addition to a regular scale of fines for careless driving army drivers can be put on trial by courtsmartial or alternatively tried by the civil courts. In serious cases involving civilians trial by civil courts is more usual.

The press note says that it would be incorrect to suppose that the training of military drivers had become any less careful and thorough recently. The Army is in no way anxious to protect its personnel against penalties for the violation of traffic rules. The press note also invites the public to communicate to the nearest military authorities particulars of incidents involving military vehicles.—A. P.

POLITICAL SUFFERERS' FUND

The Joint Secretary of the B. S. U. writes:

The box collection organised by the Bombay Students' Union for the political sufferers of which Mr. Yusuf Meherally is the president, is Rs. 1,384-6-6.

18 RESCUED FROM BROTHELS

MADARIPUR, May 7: Following simultaneous searches of brothels in the town, the police have recovered 18 children, believed to have been sold during the last famine.

Eleven of them have been returned to their parents and nearest relatives, while the rest have been sent to the Government orphanage.—A. P.

RAMASWAMI BOOSTS BIG SURPLUS MILITARY JUNK

An indication of the general policy which Government were trying to evolve for the disposal of surplus stocks held for war purposes was given by the Hon'ble Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Member for Supply, Government of India, in his opening address at a Conference held in the Bombay Secretariat on Monday, May 8, to consider disposal of surplus vehicles.

The Conference was called by the Government of India to consult and take into confidence the interests concerned. Representatives of manufacturers and trade interests from all over India attended the Conference, besides nominees of the Government of India. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar presided.

In the disposal of surplus stocks, the Supply Member said, two conditions that must be met were that Government should not lose unduly and that the peace economy of the country should not be seriously disturbed.

The Supply Member then dealt with the immediate problem of disposal of a large number of vehicles which were surplus to military requirements.

"We believe that within a few months about 20,000 vehicles will be available for disposal.

Vehicles which cannot be distinguished as such, war vehicles knocked off, some of them in a fair condition and many of them unrecognisable. When some of you visit our depots you will be in a better position to classify these vehicles and give them proper names but I am told that they are in all sorts of conditions and in all sorts of state. The problem is how to dispose of the whole stock.

"This is only a first instalment and in course of time there will be many tens of thousands of such war-battered, knocked-down vehicles for disposal one way or the other.

"I do not suggest for a moment that it will be quite easy to re-condition and run the vehicles in the streets. Again, as I said, the condition of the cars is such that while some of them can be reconditioned, many of them can be used only in other different ways.

JUDICIAL REFORM

(By "JARVIM")

Sir John Beaumont's suggestions for judicial reform in his recent address to the East India Association at London merit careful consideration coming as they do from a man whose shrewd practical insight has left its impress on the Bombay High Court over which he reigned as Chief Justice for over twelve years. One cannot help feeling with Sir John that the Federal Court is "an expensive luxury" which lays an unnecessary burden on a poor country like India. As the law stands at present, an appeal lies to the Federal Court only from cases in which questions as to the interpretation of the Government of India Act are involved—and such cases are few and far between as is shown by the fact that the Federal Court has averaged only four weeks per year since its inception seven years ago. The Federal Court would justify its existence only if its jurisdiction is enlarged so as to give it sufficient work and it is made the ultimate Court of Appeal from High Courts in all matters instead of its ambit being confined, as at present, to the interpretation of the Constitution Act. We fail to see why the late Chief Justice thinks that this experiment can hardly be tried at present when the future constitution of India is unknown. The proposed reform has nothing to do with the form of India's future constitution and as far as we are aware a bill to that effect is on the anvil in Parliament. We only hope that this bill completely will replace the Privy Council by the Federal Court and will not leave any option to the parties to go to the Privy Council instead or provide for a further appeal to the Privy Council from the Federal Court—either of which provisions would make the course of litigation needlessly longer and even more expensive than it is at present.

The other reforms proposed by Sir John are all salutary and are based on his long experience as the head of the judiciary in Bombay. The age for retirement of High Court Judges should be raised from 60 to 65. The best of lawyers have started earning well at the Bar only after years of waiting and Sir John found it very difficult to get the best men to accept judgeship because almost every one of those in big practice was over fifty years of age and could not get a run of ten years' service so as to earn a full pension on retirement at 60.

The abolition of the judicial branch of the Indian Civil Service urged by Sir John is also a long overdue judicial reform, for it is surprising to find District Magistrates, District Judges and even High Court Judges, drawn from a class of which none is a legal practitioner, dealing with the most complicated questions of law. Incidentally, the abolition of the judicial branch of the I.C.S. would also effect the separation of the judiciary from the executive so desirable in all sound constitutions. As Sir John suggests, the District and High Court benches should be recruited by promotion of the best subordinate judges (originally drawn from the Bar), and also direct from suitable members of the Bar. The revenue branch of the I.C.S. may be pronounced to be a success but its judicial branch has not given any satisfaction either to the Bar or to the litigating public and its existence is an anomaly which must needs be done away with.

States Merger

It appears from news reports in Gujarati newspapers that the Government is going to reconsider the attachment of smallers states to bigger states and a political officer is very shortly to be deputed to consider the objections of Talukdar and to report on a scheme acceptable to them. It is quite possible that some scheme of grouping of these states may be adopted. It is most essential that in such a scheme, the rights of the people of these states should not be ignored and effective representation be given to them. Sometime ago when there seemed no prospect of attachment being annulled, the Talukdars vociferously declared that they were prepared to give full responsible Government to their subjects but now that there are brighter prospects all those professions will vanish in the thin air. The people of these states should organise and present their grievances and claims before the officer concerned.

G. P. VYAS.

Ahmedabad.

'Grow More Food Grains'

The recent Government proposals to enforce the cultivators of land to grow food grains in 2/3 of their holdings compulsorily, has created a great stir among farmers as well as the public. The Government seems to have been ill-advised due to the advisors' ignorance or due to their habit of pleasing Government officers.

In the first month of the rainy season—Ashadh (July) farmers sow Bajri which operation should be followed by sufficient rains. If it fails, the Bajri sowing fails. Also in case of excess of rains the sowing rots away, with the result that crops fail. In any case the land has to be re-tilled in the month of Shravana (August) and the farmer has to either sow cotton or Juwar—because Bajri cannot grow even if it is resown at that time. Again if the rain fails or is insufficient the farmer has to prepare for sowing castor-oil seeds or Juwar. At this stage the farmer gets confused and leaves the land barren.

Indian farming is a gamble with rains because all the above alterations have to be chosen on account of irregularity of rains. Moreover the farmer cannot always have grain seeds on hand.

Under such circumstances it is not at all possible for the farmer to carry out the Government proposals. If the Government insist on its policy of compulsory growing of more grain, it is feared that instead of growing more food, the position will be that much of the land will remain uncultivated and the grow more food campaign would totally fail, as the result of which starvation in the province may begin before the end of the rainy season. Hence, there ought to be latitude to the farmer in case of first sowing failure to select a non-food for second sowing.

BHAVANISHANKER BAPUJI MEHTA.

University Examination Results

Permit me to draw the attention of our University Authorities, to their old fashioned method of declaring Examination Results by placing one or two boards having sheets of closely printed numbers pasted on them, outside their office, as a result, the hardship caused is very well-known.

These are days of orderly behaviour; we have queues formed at tram stands, bus stands, Railway ticket windows, etc., etc. Can the University not find out any better means of declaring the results; so as to do away with scrambling over the boards? Cannot the University take upon itself the duty of forwarding telegrams to successful candidates by accepting from the candidates beforehand addressed telegram forms, and charging some fee over and above the cost. I am sure the expenses of engaging the necessary staff will be amply repaid. Besides, why not have the results published *first* in the morning papers, and then put up in the University? At least, something must be done.

'ONE CRUSHED.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

POONA, May 8.

Arrangements are being made to hand over the Aga Khan Palace where Mahatma Gandhi was detained to its owner. The Palace is being refurnished and put back in the state in which it was before it was taken over by the Government.

The armed guards at the gates and around the grounds have been removed.

A number of people to-day visited the Palace where the barbed wire fencing is being removed.

—A. P. I.

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A Soviet statesman suggests that the Atlantic Charter needs bringing up to date.

Up to what date? The date on which Churchill said it did not apply to India? The date on which he said "We hold what we have"?

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The 'Pagal Pani' gala of C.C.I swimming pool, it seems, proved to be more watery than crazy!

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The Enquiry Commission has begun its work of investigating the causes of the recent fire and explosion in the city.

Some of the know-alls who claimed to have "special inside knowledge" of the affair and were active in spreading all kinds of "reliable" rumours ought to be called before the Commission to give evidence!

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Verse—Or Worse!

At Buthidaung
There was no ding-daung
The only other rhyme
Is King Kaung!

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United Nations, says 'News Chronicle', are greatly indebted to China. And Japan is greatly indebted to the Allied Nations for supplying oil and iron when it was most needed to bomb China.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Aga Khan's "Palace" (or Bungalow) is being re-furnished and re-decorated and the barbed wire round it is being removed—all on MEDICAL grounds!*

(2) *The Ahmednagar fort also needs a lot of re-furnishing and re-decoration—on MEDICAL grounds!*

(3) *The Viceroy might choose to spend his summer holidays not at Simla but at Mahableshwar or Juhu—on MEDICAL grounds!*

(4) *Everyone is hoping Mr. Jinnah too cuts short his Kashmir holiday and instead comes down for a little rest at Mahableshwar or Juhu—on MEDICAL grounds!*

(5) *The Frontier Gandhi, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan is being kept detained in jail—only on MEDICAL grounds!*

(6) *Several Executive Councillors will now tender their resignations—on MEDICAL grounds, of course!*

CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST EDITORS

"Hitawada And "Nagpur Times" Hauled Up For Breach Of Detention Ordinance

NAGPUR, May 8: Charges under the Restriction and Detention Ordinance were framed today by Mr. R. K. Mishra, Additional District Magistrate, against all the accused in the 'Hitawada' Case, namely, Messrs. A. D. Mani, A. M. Ghosh, and H. C. Narad.

All the accused pleaded not guilty.

Similar charges were framed in the "Nagpur Times" case against Messrs A. C Shukla, M. J. Kanekfar, R. P. Dube, I. S. Parihar and H. C. Narad.

In this case too all the accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr. A. H. Layard, Chief Secretary to the C. P. Government who came down from Pachmarhi to-day addressed an emergent meeting of editors of all newspapers. Afterwards he addressed a meeting of the Press Advisory Committee.

Mr. Layard is returning to Pachmarhi to-morrow.

SALES GIRL CAN'T GO SCOT-FREE

CALCUTTA, May 8: For selling one "Pearless" fountain pen at Rs. 10 against the controlled price of Rs. 4-3, the assistant manager of a well-known firm in Calcutta was sentenced to-day by the Additional Presidency Magistrate, to pay a fine of Rs. 500 in default, to undergo three months' S. I. under D.I.R. A sales girl of the firm was also sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 in default to undergo one month's S. I on the same charge.—A. P.

"Anti-Cess Day"

PATNA, May 8.

In observance of Anti-Cess Day by landed interests, a public meeting was held in the Anjuman Islamia Hall here last evening. The meeting by a resolution recorded its disapproval and strong opposition to the proposed enhancement of cess on landed property by the local Government which, it opined, was detrimental to public interest and would result in the ruination of agriculturists.—A. P.

Ban On Kisan Conference

CALICUT May 8.

Information has been received here that the authorities have banned the All-Kerala Kisan Conference in Palghat Revenue Division.

The Conference was arranged to be held at Talikkulam in Ponnani taluk on May 7. The organisers in a statement issued yesterday announced the change of venue to Shoranur in Walluvanad Taluk, Malapuram Revenue Division, the date of the Conference remaining unchanged.—A. P.

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"Tempest" To Be Title Of Vijayalakshmi's Book

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA City, May 8.

"Tempest"—that's perhaps the fittest title for my forthcoming autobiography. It best describes my own life said Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit in a talk with me about her 500 pages autobiography.

Continuing she said "I have sent half a dozen names to Jawaharlalji and shall accept his final choice".

Narrating interesting associations of the word "tempest" with her life, Vijayalaxmi said her father was in Paris and he had suggested the name Tempest for her.

Mrs. Krishna Hutheesing named her autobiography "With No Regrets" I said.

Vijayalaxmi replied "My life is full of regrets" and added with a smile "Everybody's is"!

Aligarh University

SIMLA May 8.

The Central Government has approved the election of Dr. Sir Zia-Uddin Ahmad to be the Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, says a "communique". —A. P.

CALCUTTA, May 8: Yesterday, there were four deaths of sick destitutes in Calcutta Hospitals.—A. P.

CITY AND SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Vaishakh Vad 1, 2000
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Sunrise: 9-8 a.m. Sunset: 8-1 p.m.
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To-day's Engagements

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting in the Library Hall of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136 Apollo Street Fort, to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S. T.), when Mr. B. T. Anklesaria, M.A., will continue his discourse on "The Sacred Manthra Ahunavairya in the Gathas and later Avesta and Pahlavi Literature".

BOMBAY SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL: The annual general meeting will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock noon at the Bombay Sanitary Institute, Princess Street.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: A meeting of F. S. U. active workers will be held at the Matunga F. S. U. office at 6 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) where the forthcoming A. F. S. U. Congress will be discussed.

KAJROLKAR-NARDEKAR

Lt. Govind L. Nardekar was married to Miss Shevanti, daughter of Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, Chairman, Schools Committee, yesterday (7-5-1944) at 7 p.m. (S. T.), at Jer Building, Suparibaug Road, Parel, Bombay. His Worship the Mayor of Bombay, the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Vaikunthlal Mehta, Dr. Sathe, Mr. W. Y. Pradhan Mr. S. L. Silam, Mr. M. M. Killedar, Mr. P. K. Sawant, Miss Kapila Khandvala, Secretary Schools Committee and several leading citizens of Bombay were present at the Marriage Ceremony.

KOVALAN DANCE DRAMA PROCEEDS

The organizers of 'Kovalan' thanked the Public of Bombay for their generous support to the performances of the Dance Drama 'Kovalan' held at the Framji Cawasji Institute on the 19th, 20th and 22nd April, in aid of relief of distress in Malabar and Bombay. Rs. 4,230 were received from donations and a sum of Rs. 6206 was collected from the sale of tickets. After deducting expenses on theatre and publicity, a net sum of Rs. 6,582 is being sent to the Emergency Citizens Relief Fund, Bombay, and the remaining half is being equally divided between the servants of India Society, Grama Seva Sangh and Ramakrishna Mission, for relief work in Malabar.

RS. 1,000 NOT RS. 1,999.

The amount of the award given to Mr. B. K. Motiwala by the Reserve Bank on behalf of its constituents for finding and delivering a gold bar to the police authorities was wrongly given as Rs. 1,999 in our message of May 4. The amount was Rs. 1,000, and it was presented by Mr. Motiwala to the Citizen's Relief Fund.—A. P.

Sayer And Paroo Leave Bombay For East Africa By Air

The East African Government Commercial Delegation consisting of Messrs. S. H. Sayer and Hon'ble K. R. Paroo left Bombay on Sunday morning for East Africa by Air on the conclusion of prolonged negotiations they had with the Managing Committee of Africa Shippers Association on the question of exports of Indian piecegoods from Bombay to Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam.

Messrs. Sayer and Paroo were entertained on Friday evening at Radio Club whereat Mr. Dawood Hajee Nasser, the President announced that an agreement between his Association and the Delegation was arrived at on principles on the question of (1) Fixation of prices, (2) Standardisation of equalities (3) Full exports of quotas (4) Regular shipments.

Mr. Sayer thanked Mr. Nasser for the help rendered by the latter in his capacity as President of Africa Shippers Association and paid a tribute to the hospitality of Indians as a nation adding that the racial problem in Africa could be solved with goodwill on both sides. He expressed his satisfaction at his mission being crowned with success on account of the spirit of accommodation exhibited by Africa Shippers Association.

"Love In A Mist"

Presented by the E. N. S. A. Repertory Company, at St. Xavier's Hall, Dhobi Talao. From Tuesday to Friday this week at 8-30 nightly, will be shows for the Services. All Services in uniform will be admitted at Re. 1, As. 8, As. 4. Every member of the Services—in uniform—will be able to take one civilian guest at the same price. Tickets are obtainable in advance, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, from E. N. S. A., H. Q., Green's Hotel, Apollo Bunder, or at the door of the theatre from 8 to 8-30 nightly.

On Saturday there will be one public show. This will be at 9-30 p.m. H. E. The Governor will attend.

The cast of six includes Doreen Lawrence—who will be remembered for her excellent performance in "Private Lives" at the Excelsior last February, Dominic Roche and Elsie Orf, two highly experienced artists who have recently arrived from the Middle East, and Pamela Roberts, a talented young ingenuee.

Varma & Misra Released

PATNA, May 8: Mr. Acharya Badrinath Varma, Joint Editor of the 'Searchlight' and Pandit Hargovind Misra, M.L.A., member of the A I C C who were detained for two years in the Hazaribagh Central Jail were released unconditionally yesterday. They arrived here this morning.—United Press.

19 Prisoners Released

CALCUTTA, May 8: Nineteen more security prisoners were released upto April 27, 1944. The total number of the security prisoners released since the assumption of office by the present Ministry is 588 now.—United Press.

MG. COMMITTEE TO REPLACE BOROUGH MUNICIPALITY

SURAT, May 8.

The authorities have decided to appoint a Managing Committee in the place of the superseded Surat Borough Municipality. The personnel of the Committee will be announced shortly.—A. P.

DR. JIVRAJ MEHTA

(From Our Special Correspondent)

POONA, May 8.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta who is under treatment in hospital and has constant slight temperature and fast pulse may soon be released on parole. But medical opinion does not countenance recurrence of his old tubercular attack.

NEWSPAPERS EXHIBITION

BEZWADA, May 8: The first All-India Newspapers and Journals Exhibition 1944 of India is proposed to be held in Bezwada under the auspices of Andhradesa News Service Sukhi House, Bezwada. Mr. C. Rangarao, Managing Editor appeals to all Editors of Newspapers and Proprietors to send their pre-war current issues for exhibition

KARACHI, May 8: Dr. B. C. Roy, Chairman of the Health, Survey and Development Committee, left for Lahore this evening. Other members of the Committee who visited Sukkur have left from there for Peshawar and will join Dr. Roy at Lahore on the 10th instant. The entire Committee is expected to be in Lahore in about six days.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, May 8: A medical delegation from Assam and another from Agra, each consisting of one medical practitioner and four senior medical students have come to Calcutta to render medical relief in Bengal. They have come with money and medicines and will work in Bengal during the vacation.

JUBILATION AT RELEASE OF GANDHIJI

Result Of British And American Campaign, Says Ranadive

"Just a couple of days ago thousands of miles beyond the seas, a meeting similar to ours was held, the meeting at the Trafalgar Square, under similar auspices, under the auspices of the Communist Party of Great Britain, which was attended by 40,000 workers and the other progressive people for demanding the release of Gandhiji. It is the result of the hurricane campaign of the British and American people that Gandhiji was released and a calamity was averted. We are naturally jubilant. We are sure that Gandhiji will speedily recover from illness and take the reins of our nation, lead it to unity and liberation."

Thus declared Comrade B. T. Ranadive supporting the resolution at the meeting held under the joint auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), B B and C I Railwaymen's Union, Bombay Students' Union and other several trade unions. The meeting was held on May 6 for greeting Gandhiji back in the midst of the people and demanding the release of Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other members of the Congress Working Committee who are still behind the bars, at the Kamgar Maidan, Comrade S S. Mirajkar was in the chair, Comrades D S Valdya and Oak spoke.

The resolution of the meeting passed with great acclamation was as follows:—

"This meeting of the workers and other citizens held under the joint auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), B B and C I Railwaymens' Union Bombay Students' Union and other several Trade Unions, expresses its deep sense of gratification and shares the jubilation of every patriot over the release of Gandhiji.

"The meeting fervently hopes that Gandhiji's condition will attain rapid improvement and that he will return with his dynamic energy to lead the country at the present critical moment.

"It is the firm belief of the meeting that only the release of all the members of the Working Committee of the Congress will secure for us the inspiring lead for the defence of our motherland which is caught in the double grip of Jap invasion and an acute food crisis. The meeting therefore, demands the immediate and unconditional release of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other members of the Working Committee."

KERALEEYAS PRAY FOR GANDHIJI'S HEALTH

BOMBAY, May 8.

The Governing Body of the Karaleeya Samaj Bombay has passed the following resolution:

"The Bombay Karaleeya Samaj expresses its deep sense of relief at the unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi and prays for his speedy recovery and restoration to full health".—United Press.

HE SAVED COMRADE WHO HAD BROKEN THIGH FROM DROWNING

BOMBAY, May 8: A Norwegian seaman showed conspicuous bravery in rescuing another seaman among the burning wreckage in the Bombay docks after the recent explosion.

The hero, Mr. Hartmark, Chief Officer, of S. S. . . ., discovered a helpless, injured seaman floating on some wreckage. Without hesitation and completely disregarding his own safety—he dived in and after a long struggle managed to bring the seaman ashore, who had been lying helpless for twenty hours with a broken thigh. The officer Mr. Hartmark was complimented by H E. the Viceroy during his recent visit to the fire area.—A. P.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, May 8.

SHARES: Following the unfavourable war news from the Arakan Front the local Share Market opened easy and prices after improving slightly fluctuated narrowly. The market is awaiting fresh developments.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2,080

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, May 8.

Bombay Dyeing (1965) 1960 65 68-3/4 60 62-1/2, Central India (433) 431-1/2 33 32 33, Kohinoor (665) 661 659 664 61-1/2 62, New Great (407) 409 10 408 409, Simplex (262) 261 63-1/2 63, Swadeshi (633) 624 622 623, Associated Cement (254-1/4) 234-3/4 235 234-3/4, T. Steel Dfd. (2097-1/2) 2085 77-1/2 2090 2082-1/2 2100 2105, T. Steel Ord. (404) 402 400 404-1/2 402-1/2 404-1/2, Scindia (34-2) 34 33-1/4 34-4 34-2, New India Ins. (77-1/2) 77 79-1/2 78-3/4.

and after improving to Rs. 2,100 hovered around Rs. 2,090. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 2,060 and after advancing to Rs. 2,070 reverted to Rs. 2,050. Associated Cement were firm at Rs. 235. Tata Steel Ordinaries were easy at Rs. 402. Towards the close Tata Steel Defd. improved to Rs. 2,105 and Ordinaries to Rs. 404-8.

Kohinoors were Rs. 662; Swadeshi Rs. 622 Nagpur Rs. 431; Gokak Rs. 340; India United Ordinary Rs. 19 and Defd. Rs. 4/0/6 Scindia Rs. 34; New India Insurance Rs. 79; India Bank Rs. 175/8; 3-1/2 per cent G Paper Rs. 98/5; Indian Iron Rs. 36/2; and Bengal Steel Rs. 28/2.

GOLD AND SILVER: The Bullion Market ruled steady today and prices moved within a narrow range. Gold for shortdelivery after opening at Rs. 75/10 eased off to Rs. 75/5. The Reserve Bank offered 50,000 tolas of gold at Rs. 75/8. Silver after opening at Rs. 137 reacted to Rs. 136/10. The market was steady in view of the war situation gold closed at Rs. 75-8 and silver delivery Rs. 137-6 and ready Rs. 139-2.

COTTON: The cotton market opened steady but thereafter fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. Business was on small lines. Government purchases of cotton continue but confidence on the bull side is lacking. July opened at Rs. 442 and after touching Rs. 442/8 eased off to Rs. 440/12.

Later on prices slumped on heavy unloading and July position dropped to Rs. 435. For the first time a new low level of Rs. 413-8 for May position was witnessed. The market closed with a heavy tone.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: I C C May Rs 414, I C C July Rs 436-4, I C C September Rs 449-12.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 442, Sup 432, Fine 422, F. Good 415, Broach Extra Spr-fine 432, Sup 427, Fine 422, F. Good 417, Surti Extra Spr-fine 569, Sup 564, Fine 559, F. Good 554, 4 F Pun-American Extra Spr-fine 477 Sup 472, Fine 467, F. Good 462, L S S Pun-American Extra Spr-fine 523, Sup 518, Fine 513, F. Good 508, 289 F Pun-American Extra Spr-fine 573, Sup 568, Fine 563, F. Good 558, Saw-Gd 4 F Extra Spr-fine 512, Sup 507, Fine 592, F Good 497, Saw-Gd L S S Extra Spr-fine 568, Sup 563, Fine 558 F. Good 553, Saw-Gd 289 F Extra Spr-fine 623, Sup 618, Fine 613, F. Good 608, M G N T Extra Spr-fine 523, Sup 518, Fine 513, F. Good 508, Saw-Gd N T Std-Ame Extra Spr-fine 563, Sup 558, Fine 553 F. Good 548.

COTTON READY QUOTATIONS

Khandesh Jarilla New 290/375, Berar Jarilla New 375/400, 289 F Jarilla New 545/565, N T Jarilla New 500/510 289 F Saw-ginner New 520/530.

CHEQUES CLEARED: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 5-5-1944 were as under:—Number of Cheques: 1,40,263.

B. COM. AND INTER COM. EXAM. RESULTS

The following candidates have passed the Examination for the Degree of B.Com held by the University of Bombay in March, 1944:

FIRST CLASS: In Order of merit No. 209, 54 and 192.

SECOND CLASS: Nos. 4 6 28 83 85 87 120 135 158 162 180 190 195 211 214 215 217 219 221 250 255 260 268 312 314 329 and 330.

PASS Nos.: 2 3 9 11 12 14 15 19 29 30 31 35 36 39 44 47 52 55 58 63 67 70 73 74 75 76 77 80 86 92 94 95 96 97 98 101 102 108 110 112 113 121 127 129 133 134 138 139 141 146 147 150 155 157 160 163 164 165 167 168 170 171 176 181 183 187 189 193 197 199 200 201 202 203 204 208 210 213 216 218 220 223 224 231 233 237 240 242 244 261 274 282 286 292 294 296 300 305 309 317 322 324 325 and 328.

PASSED IN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SUBJECT ONLY: Nos. 33, 114 298 and 311.

The Mangaldas Harivallabhdas Commerce Prize has been awarded to candidate No. 209.

Results Of Inter Com. Exam.

The following candidates have passed the Intermediate Examination in Commerce held in March 1944:—

FIRST CLASS Nos. (In order of merit: 569 349 363 340 465 386 466 341 391 412 214 468 and 504.

SECOND CLASS Nos.: 1 4 30 35 40 47 53 56 61 66 86 93 97 103 108 112 119 121 123 127 128 141 146 151 156 157 158 206 207 211 212 251 274 280 287 288 304 311 315 321 329 334 337 347 354 355 359 362 372 374 378 382 384 385 387 401 409 410 413 425 429 432 433 450 460 462 464 469 473 475 482 483 484 485 486 487 497 500 503 509 518 520 523 533 536 537 543 550 551 563 564 565 570 573 583 594 595 597 607 608 626 628 629 636 644 646 648 649 657 671 673 675 678 679 682 699 701 704 712 713 714 and 716.

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No. 67 is allowed to keep terms for the B.Com. Exam.

The Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola Commerce Scholarship has been awarded to No. 569.

The awards of the Sir James Begbie Scholarship in Advanced Banking and the Mangaldas Harivallabhdas Commerce Scholarship will be announced later.

INDIAN MEDICINES BOARD

The regulation made by the Bombay Board of Indian Systems of Medicine, permitting students admitted to recognised institutions before 1941 to follow the old syllabus, has been revised to permit these students to appear for the second and fourth examinations in Ayurveda, or the intermediate and final examinations in Unani, held by recognised examining bodies until April, 1947.

MADRAS, May 7: The premises of the "Tamil Pannai" office were searched by the Police and the Proprietor of the Publishing House Mr. Annamalai was arrested. Copies of Tamil books "Look at America", "Bengal Famine" and "Inflation" published by the Firm were seized by Police from the office.—Orient Press.

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Applications are invited for the post of Headmaster, Anjuman-i-Islam High School, Bombay. Persons with training qualifications and administrative experience should apply stating salary expected to the Secretary, before 20th May, 1944. (4843)

Wanted—Experienced Teachers able to teach English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Gujarati. Also qualified Drawing Teacher, trained Physical Instructor and a B.Com. Salary for B.T. Rs. 75-5-125 E.B. 5-150 S.G.-7-185 plus Rs. 10/- Dearness Allowance. Provident Fund. Apply immediately Secretary, Anjuman-i-Islam, Fort, Bombay. (4842)

Wanted immediately a [illegible] Superintendent. A young graduate with B.T. and P.T. qualifications with administrative experience preferred. Salary Rs. 80-4-100-5-125 with Dearness Allowance and free quarters but right applicant may start on Rs. 100/- Apply to the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Hassan Chambers, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay. (8749)

Wanted—A Compounder. Apply immediately Dr. H. H. Shah, 75, Bohra Bazar St., Fort. (4841)

Wanted experienced teachers, B.T.s, Lady Teachers and P.T., preferred. Salary according to qualifications. Apply early enclosing Testimonials and stating fully qualifications, experience, etc., to Principal, Nyahalchand Laluchand High School, Malad, (Bombay Suburb). (4827)

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Wanted A Professor of Persian for the Chellasing and Sitaldas College, Shikarpur Sind in the grade of Rs. 150-10-250. Must be able to teach B.A. & M.A. Classes of the Bombay University. The appointment is, in the first instance, temporary for a period of one academic year only upto 31st March, 1945. Apply, with testimonials, to the Principal, C. & S. College, Shikarpur. The last date for receiving applications is 1st June, 1944. The selected applicant must be able to join on 20th June, 1944. (8747)

M. T. B. College—Applications with testimonials stating age, qualifications, experience and minimum salary are invited for the post of a Professor (Lecturer of (1 English, (2) History Economics & Geography, (3) Botany, (4) French, (5) Mathematics, (6) Chemistry and also for the posts of Demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, so as to reach the Principal on or before the 1st June, 1944. Posts 1 to 4 are permanent; but the appointments will be up to 31st March 1945, in the first instance. Vacancies in Mathematics and Chemistry are temporary and appointments will be made upto 9th November, in the first instance. 8717

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S. D. VASHIST,
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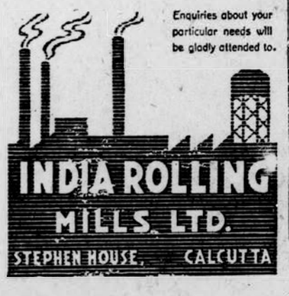

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